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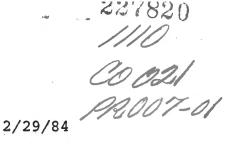
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON



MEMORANDUM

TO:

ROBERT MCFARLANE

FROM:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.

SUBJ:

APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

Time reserved for working visit of President

MEETING:

Masire of Botswana

11:00 am - 30 min - briefing for visit - Oval Office 11:30 am - 45 min - meeting - Oval Office/Cabinet Room

DATE:

12:15 pm - 75 min - luncheon - Residence

1:30 pm - 10 min - departure statements - Diplomatic Entrance

TIME:

May 9, 1984

DURATION:

As shown

LOCATION:

As shown

REMARKS REQUIRED:

MEDIA COVERAGE:

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· PARTICIPATION:

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 24, 1984

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK RYAN, DIRECTOR

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ROBERT KIMMITT

REQUEST: Official working visit.

PURPOSE: President Masire of Botswana leads one

of the four remaining functional democracies in Africa and is an important player in southern African political affairs. A visit to the US would help strengthen Masire's hand in the 1984 elections and further our over-

all policy interests.

BACKGROUND:

Botswana is a key non-communist state on South Africa's border in which we have successfully contested Soviet attempts at gaining influence. President Masire is a moderate, non-aligned leader who leads a multi-party democracy system and a free enterprise economic system.

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION: None.

DATE AND TIME: 5-12 May 1984.

LOCATION: Oval Office; State Dining Room.

PARTICIPANTS: President Quett K.J. Masire and 2-3

aides, the President and Vice President,

appropriate State and NSC advisors.

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Oval Office meeting; working luncheon.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks to be provided by State

and NSC.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Photo opportunity.

RECOMMENDED BY: State Department.

OPPOSED BY: None.

PROJECT OFFICER: ROBERT KIMMITT.

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May 23, 1984

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TO

Dear Mr. Green:

The President has asked me to reply to your message concerning Clement Gofhamodino.

I want to assure you that the President sympathizes with your concern that justice be done in Mr. Gofhamodino's case. Botswana is a functioning democracy with a judiciary that is accepted as fair and impartial by such respected and diverse bodies as Amnesty International, Freedom House and the International Committee of Jurists. There is every reason to believe that Mr. Gofhamodino will receive benefit of due process of law in his own country.

I understand that you had a chance to meet with President Masire while he was in the United States and I am sure that he will take your comments into consideration.

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Mr. Robert L. Green
President
University of the District of Columbia
800 Mt. Vernon Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

AVH: RK: pps

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President,
University of the District of Columbia,
800 Mt. Vernon Place, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20008.

MEMORANDUM

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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May 22, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

FROM:

ROBERT KIMMITT

SUBJECT:

Reply to Telegram to the President Regarding

Student Sentenced to Death in Botswana

Mr. Robert L. Green, President of the University of the District of Columbia, sent a telegram to the President requesting assistance in the case of Clement Gofhamodimo of Botswana.

Attached is a State-prepared response to Mr. Green. The NSC Staff concurs in the text.

Attachments

Tab A

Draft response to Mr. Green

Tab B Incoming telegram

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

CLEMENT GOFHAMODIMO, A BRILLIANT AND WELL LIKED HONOR STUDENT AT OUR UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH IN HIS NATIVE HOMELAND, BOTSWANA, IN THE 1979 ALLEGED KILLING OF A MALE SWISS NATIONAL. THE SO CALLED MURDER ALLEGEDLY TOOK PLACE IN A GUERRILLA INFESTED AREA OF BOTSWANA WHERE IT BORDERS ON THE NAMIBIA, AND THE ALLEGED VICTIM'S BODY HAS NEVER BEEN FOUND. CLEMENT DENIES THE ALLEGATIONS, AND THE CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE USED TO CONVICT HIM IS JUST THAT — CIRCUMSTANTIAL. THE SENTENCE WILL BE REVIEWED BY A BOTSWANA COURT THIS MONTH (MAY). I URGENTLY REQUEST THAT YOU SENT A MESSAGE TO

BOTSWANA PRESIDENT QUETT MASIRE, WHO WILL BE VISITING THIS COUNTRY NEXT WEEK, ASKING THAT HE INTERVENE ON THE SIDE OF JUSTICE. OR BETTER, I ASK THAT YOU MAKE THE REQUEST IN PERSON DURING HIS VISIT HERE.

SINCERELY

ROBERT L GREEN PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES BAKER

FROM:

ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SUBJECT:

Request for Aircraft Support for Botswana

President Masire

State has requested helicopter and aircraft support to be provided for the official visit of Botswana President Quett Masire, May 7-10. The Military Office has advised that aircraft are available. We support the State Department request.

NSC# 8403247

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION

April 20, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SIGNED

FROM:

FRED WETTERING

SUBJECT:

Botswana: State Request for Aircraft Support for

Official Visit of President Masire

President Quett Masire of Botswana will be making an official visit to Washington, May 7-10, and will have a working visit/luncheon with the President on May 9.

The State Department sent a request to Ed Hickey's office asking for helicopter and aircraft support of this Washington visit, as is customary. Ed Hickey has asked for your recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign your memo to Mr. Baker in favor of the
aircraft support.

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE ____

Attachment

Tab I

Your memo to James Baker

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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April 18, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM:

EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR. WH

SUBJECT:

Aircraft Request

Attached is request for aircraft support for the President of Botswana. Aircraft are available.

Please forward your recommendation to the Chief of Staff.

United States Department of State



Washington, D.C. 20520

MEMORANDUM

April 17, 1984

TO:

Mr. Edward Hickey

Director, Military Office

The White House

FROM:

Ms. Catherine Murdock Office of Protocol tele: (202) 632-1676

SUBJECT:

Helicopter and Aircraft Support for the Official Working Visit of His Excellency The President of the Republic of Botswana and Mrs. Masire, to

Washington, D.C., May 7-10, 1984.

President Reagan has invited His Excellency The President of the Republic of Botswana and Mrs. Masire on an Official Working Visit to Washington, D.C., May 7-10, 1984. In this regard, I would like to request the following aircraft and helicopter support:

MONDAY MAY 7, 1984

2:15 pm One U.S. Presidential Aircraft to take the President Approx. and his party from New York to Andrews Air Force Base.

3:10 pm Two U.S. Presiden

Two U.S. Presidential Helicopters (VH-3D) to take the President and his party from Andrews Air Force Base to the Washington Monument Grounds.

THURSDAY MAY 10, 1984

2:45 pm Two U.S. Presidential Helicopters (VH-3D) to take the Approx. President and his party from the Washington Monument Grounds to Andrews Air Force Base.

3:00 pm One U.S. Presidential Aircraft to take the President and his party from Andrews Air Force Base to determined point of departure.

Exact flight schedules and departure times to be provided when available.

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SUBJECT. REQUEST HELICOPTER & AIRCRAFT SUPPORT FOR PRES MASIRE 7 - 10 MAY VISIT

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

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Subject: Letter from President Masire of Botswana

President Masire has written to President Reagan expressing his thanks for the hospitality he received during his official working visit, May 8-10.

Attached is a draft reply expressing our satisfaction with the visit. The Department recommends that the President sign this letter.

Charles Hill

Executive Secretary

Attachment: Draft Reply

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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your recent letter. I am glad that you, your wife, and your delegation had an enjoyable and successful trip to the United States.

discussed matters of mutual concern to our two nations. The excellent relations between Botswana and the United States were certainly to meet again.

Please accept my best wishes for the peace and prosperity of the people of Botswana.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

His Excellency

Dr. Quett K. J. Masire,

President of the Republic of Botswana,
Gaborone.

S/S 8417973 United States Department of State



Washington, D.C. 20520

June 21, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Robert M. Kimmitt

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WH

Alerting NSC on Presidential Subject:

Correspondence

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to President Reagan from Botswana president Dr. Q.K.J. Masire which is transmitted for your information.

This document was received in the Executive Secretariat Information Management Section on June 21, 1984.

Information Management Section Executive Secretariat

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The Embassy of the Republic of Botswana avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C.

June 20, 1984

Botswana Desk Officer

Department of State

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520.





THE STATE PRESIDENT

GABORONE

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29th May, 1984.

Sear tresident Reagan,

I write to express, once again, my deep gratitude to you, your Administration and the American people for the very warm reception and generous hospitality that you accorded me, my wife as well as my entire delegation during our official visit to the United States of America from the 8th to the 10th of May, 1984.

I am confident that our visit will mark yet another important milestone in the process of consolidating, further, the close and friendly relations that exist between our two countries and peoples. My wife and I, as well as my entire delegation, left the United States with pleasant memories of your warm and friendly hospitality.

I look forward to the day when I can reciprocate your kind gesture.

Please accept, Mr. President, our best wishes and the assurances of continued friendship and cooperation between our two countries.

Yours sincerely,

Q.K.J. Masire

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

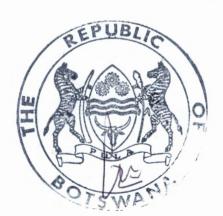
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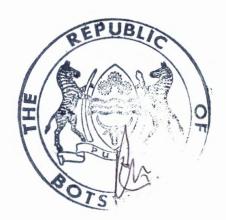
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PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

His Excellency Mr. Ronald Reagan President of the United States of America The White House, Washington D.C.

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PRESIDENT

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HOSPITALITY GRANTED DURING HIS VISIT 8 - 10 MAY

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Dear John:

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Thanks for your letter of August 16. I received word from Ambassador Maino on August 22 that he and the Botswana Government had initialed an agreement for a new VOA short wave and medium wave relay station in Botswana. I expect the final signing early next month. Building a station of this size and sophistication requires about five years. We will be moving as quickly as possible to get the design, construction and procurement done sooner but these are highly complex tasks that require time.

However, our Director of Engineering is en route to Botswana right now and will look into the prospect for getting on the air much sooner with at least a temporary facility. I will ensure that you know the results of his findings.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

CZW, by Harrin Stone,

Charles Z. Wick acting Director

in

absence

The Honorable
J. M. Poindexter
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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August 16, 1985

Dear Charlie:

I was very pleased to learn of the successful negotiations concerning a VOA facility in Botswana. As you are aware, we have a greatly heightened interest in expanding our broadcasting capability to cover southern Africa. It would be of great help to the Administration if we could expedite the establishment of this facility. My understanding is that it will take at least two years before the new transmitters will be on line.

Would it be possible to bring some of these transmitters on line, on a staggered timetable, more rapidly than the current engineering projections? I would appreciate your early attention to the question of time sensitivity in our broadcasting to this region.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

J. M/ Poindexter

Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

The Honorable Charles Z. Wick Director United States Information Agency 301 4th Street, S.W., Suite 800 Washington, D.C. 20547

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August 15, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

SIGNED

FROM:

WALTER RAYMOND, JR.

SUBJECT:

VOA Expansion in Southern Africa

Although the agreement has not been formally initialed, we have informal approval from the Botswana government to build the VOA facilities to broadcast to southern and southwestern Africa. This will include six new shortwave transmitters and a new, powerful, mediumwave transmitter. Engineering projections suggest it will be two years before any of this will be operational. Phil and I recommend that we lean on Charlie to try to speed up the process. I have prepared a letter at Tab I to Charlie reflecting that view.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab I to Charlie Wick.

Approve

Disapprove _____

Phil Ringdahl concurs.

Attachments

Tab I Ltr to Wick

Tab II Ltr fr Wick, July 11, 85

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CONFIDENTIAL

July 11, 1985

Dear Bud:

The U.S. Ambassador to Botswana, Theodore C. Maino, cabled me on July 3, 1985, concerning a meeting he had two days earlier with President Masire to discuss the reopening of VOA negotiations with Botswana.

These negotiations are of real importance to the Voice and to our plans to improve VOA coverage throughout the extremely sensitive areas of southern and southwestern Africa. Clearly Ambassador Maino recognizes how much the Voice can contribute to carrying out U.S. policy in the region. I wish to commend the Ambassador for his initiative in raising the negotiations with President Masire and for his success in winning the President's agreement to reopen the entire subject with Minister Kedikilwe. The Ambassador has promised to keep me posted, and I am certain he will.

I have already thanked Ambassador Maino and simply wish to bring to your attention the professionalism of this committed representative of the United States.

Best regards.

Sincerely

Charles Z. Wick

The Honorable
Robert C. McFarlane
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House

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WILLIAM F. MARTIN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT WASHINGTON

August 14, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR BILL MARTIN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

NSC

FROM:

Don Gregg

SUBJECT:

Vice President's Meeting with the Vice

President of Botswana, Peter S. Mmusi

The Vice President will meet with Peter S. Mmusi, the Vice President of Botswana, on Thursday, September 26, at 4:00 p.m. in his OEOB office. We would very much appreciate your providing background papers and talking points for the Vice President's use by cob Monday, September 23. An appropriate NSC member is welcome to attend.

Thank you.

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YOURS SINCERELY, QUETT K. J. MASIRE

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

3. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING REPLY TO PRESIDENT MASIRE:

CEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I READ WITH GREAT INTEREST YOUR RECENT LETTER DESCRIBING THE SOUTH AFRICAN RAID UPON YOUR CAPITAL. SINCE YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN MAY OF 1984, I HAVE FOLLOWED CLOSELY

LEVELOPMENTS IN YOUR NATION'S RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH AFRICA. I WAS ENCOURAGED BY FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA'S STATEMENT AFTER HIS MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHIEPE IN FEBRUARY IN WHICH HE SAID THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WAS DROPPING ITS INSISTENCE ON A NON-AGGRESSION PACT WITH BOTSWANA. I HAD HOPED THAT THIS WOULD LEAD TO A RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN YOUR TWO NATIONS. THEREFORE, I WAS SHOCKED AND SADDENED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACK. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES STRONGLY IN RESPECT FOR THE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL STATES AND THE INVIOLABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL BORDERS. WE HAVE PUBLICLY CONDEMNED SOUTH AFRICA'S ATTACK WHICH WE FIND PARTICULARLY DEPLORABLE IN LIGHT OF THE SINCERE EFFORTS THAT YOU AND YOUR GCVERNMENT HAVE MADE TO WORK WITH SOUTH AFRICA TO LEVELOP MECHANISMS TO DEAL WITH ECURITY CONCERNS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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BOTH YOUR NATIONS. LET ME ALSO REASSURE YOU OF MY CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO SEEK NEGOTIATED SOLUTIONS TO THE

PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

FINALLY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND I WISH TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES AND OUR BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO THE INJUREI.

SINCERELY,

RONALD REAGAN

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2. AMBASSADOR KETLOGETSWE OF BOTSWANA CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY CROCKER ON JUNE 18 TO DELIVER A LETTER FRCM PRESIDENT MASIRE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT BOTH PRESIDENT MASIRE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD ASKED HIM TO EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION FOR U.S. EFFORTS. AMBASSADOR NICKEL'S RECALL HAD SENT A STRONG MESSAGE.

3. THE TEXT OF THE LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN DELIVERED HAD SENT AS FOLLOWS.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

OF AMERICA. MR. RONALD REAGAN.

THE WHITE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON. D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

IT IS WITH PROFOUND SALNESS THAT I BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION AN UNPROVOKED ACT OF AGGRESSION PERPETRATED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME AGAINST BOTSWANA RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF MANY INNOCENT LIVES, SERIOUS INJURIES AND THE DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

ON FRIDAY 14TH JUNE, AT ABOUT 01:40, A SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY

CETACHMENT RAIDED A NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSES IN GABORONE, KILLING TWELVE PEOPLE AND INJURING SIX OTHERS. THE DEAD ARE SIX SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEES, TWO RESIDENTS, TWO VISITORS (ONE OF WHOM WAS A CHILD FROM LESOTHD TWO BOTSWANA NATIONALS. AMONG THE INJURED ARE THREE SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEES, TWO BOTSWANA CITIZENS AND ONE DUTCH CONFIDENTIAL

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CITIZEN. THE RAIDERS ALSO FIRED INDISCRIMINATELY AT PASSING MOTORISTS AND SET A NUMBER OF VEHICLES ON FIRE. YOU MAY BE AWARE THAT THIS IS THE THIRD INCIDENT OF VIOLENCE IN GABORONE THIS YEAR. A BOMB BLAST MISSEL A SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEE BUT DEMCLISHED HIS HOUSE IN FEBRUARY, AND A CAR BOMB KILLED ANOTHER SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEE IN MAY. ALTHOUGH NO ONE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TWO INCIDENTS, WE HAD NO DOUBT THAT THEY WERE THE WORK CF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. THIS TIME HOWEVER, THE AUTHORITIES IN PRETORIA HAVE PROUDLY ANNOUNCED TO THE WORLD THAT THEY RAIDED BOTSWANA AND KILLED PEOPLE ON WHOM THEY BLAME THE CURRENT WAVE OF PROTEST AND VIOLENCE IN SCUTH CONTIDENTIAL

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AFRICA. BUT, AS EVERYONE ELSE KNOWS, APARTHEID IS THE RCOT CAUSE OF THE CURRENT WAVE OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THIS LATEST ACT OF AGGRESSION BY SOUTH AFRICA WAS HERALDED BY THAT COUNTRY'S FOREIGN MINISTER IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, WHEN HE WARNED THAT SOUTH AFRICA RESERVED THE RIGHT TO INVADE BOTSWANA. WE LOST NO TIME IN ARRANGING A MEETING BETWEEN MY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HONOURABLE DR. G.K. T. CHIEPE, AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER MR. PIK BOTHA. MR. BOTHA ACCEPTED OUR ASSURANCES THAT BOTSWANA'S

WELL-KNOWN POLICY REGARDING REFUGEES AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITH NEIGHBOURS HAD NOT CHANGED. BUT THIS LATEST ACT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST BOTSWANA HAS EXPOSED CNCE AGAIN, SOUTH AFRICA'S INSINCERITY AND BAD FAITH. CNLY RECENTLY, ANOTHER SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY DETACHMENT WAS CAUGHT RED-HANDED IN CABINDA, SHORTLY AFTER TELEVISING THEIR PURPORTED TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGCLA.

IT IS CLEAR THEREFORE THAT SCUTH AFRICA'S POLICY OF CESTABILISATION IS STILL BEING PURSUED WITH VIGOUR CESPITE HER PROTESTATIONS TOCONTRARY. BOTSWANA WILL HOWEVER CONTINUE TO PROVIDE REFUGE TO THOSE WHO SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM IN OUR COUNTRY. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. I WISH TO APPEAL TO YOU MR. PRESIDENT, TO USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE AUTHORITIES IN PRETORIA TO ABANDON THEIR WANTON DESIGNS ON, AND CEASE THEIR UNPROVOKED ATTACKS AGAINST MY COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE. I SHALL ALSO DEPEND ON YOUR SUPPORT AT THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA TO PROMOTE OUR CAUSE.

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I AM ADDRESSING SIMILAR LETTERS TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP AND THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL. WITH KINDEST REGARDS AND HIGH ESTEEM,

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 19, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. William F. Martin

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Subject:

Alerting NSC on Presidential

Correspondence

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to President Reagan from President K. J. Quett Masire of Botswana which is transmitted for your information.

This document was received in the Executive Secretariat Information Management Section on July 19, 1985.

Director, S/S-I

Information Management Section Executive Secretariat

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The Embassy of the Republic of Botswana presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honour to request the latter to forward the attached letter from His Excellency, Dr. Q.K.J. Masire, President of the Republic of Botswana, addressed to His Excellency Mr. Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America.

It would be appreciated if the enclosed letter could be forwarded to its highest destination.

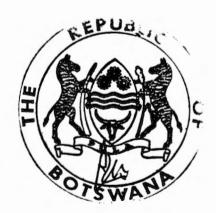
The Embassy of the Republic of Botswana avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

July 12, 1985

Department of State

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THE STATE PRESIDENT

GABORONE

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20th June, 1985

His Excellency Mr. Ronald Reagan President of the United States of America White House WASHINGTON D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

It is with profound sadness that I bring to your attention an unprovoked act of aggression perpetrated by the South African regime against Botswana resulting in the loss of many innocent lives, serious injuries and the destruction of property.

On Friday 14th June, at about 01.40 hours, a South African army detachment raided a number of residential houses in Gaborone, killing twelve people and injuring six others. The dead are six South African refugees, two residents, two visitors (one of whom was a child from Lesotho) and two Botswana nationals. Among the injured are three South African refugees, two Botswana citizens and one Dutch citizen. The raiders also fired indiscriminately at passing motorists and set a number of vehicles on fire.

You may be aware that this is the third incident of violence in Gaborone this year. A bomb blast missed a South African refugee but demolished his house in February, and a car bomb killed another South African refugee in May. Although no one claimed responsibility for the two incidents, we had no doubt that they were the work of the South African Government. This time however, the authorities in Pretoria have proudly announced to the world that they raided Botswana and killed people on whom they blame the current wave of protest and violence in South Africa. But, as everyone else knows, apartheid is the root-cause of the current wave of political violence in South Africa.

This latest act of aggression by South Africa was heralded by that country's Foreign Minister in February this year, when he warned that South Africa reseved the right to invade Botswana. We lost no time in arranging a



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meeting between my Minister of External Affairs Honourable Dr. G.K.T. Chiepe, and the South African Foreign Minister Mr.Pik Botha. Mr. Botha accepted our assurances that Botswana's well-known policy regarding refugees and peaceful co-existence with neighbours had not changed. But this latest act of aggression against Botswana has exposed, once again, South Africa's insincerity and bad faith. Only recently, another South African army detachment was caught red-handed in Cabinda, shortly after televising their purported troop withdrawal from the People's Republic of Angola.

It is clear therefore that South Africa's policy of destabilisation is still being pursued with vigour despite her protestations to the contrary. Botswana will however continue to provide refuge to those who seek political asylum in our country. We shall continue to observe the principle of peaceful co-existence in Southern Africa.

I wish to appeal to you Mr. President, to use your good offices to bring pressure to bear on the authorities in Pretoria to abandon their wanton designs on, and cease their unprovoked attacks against my country and its people. I shall also depend on your support at the UN and other international fora to promote our case. I appreciate the statement of support your government has already issued.

I am addressing similar letters to the other members of the Contact Group, the UN Secretary General and the Commonwealth Secretary General.

With kindest regards and high esteem,

Yours sincerely,

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Quett K.J. Masire PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

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THE STATE PRESIDENT



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3rd August, 1988

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you your letter in which you expressed appreciation of my government's efforts in promoting democracy and development. It is a source of encouragement to me and my government. All that has been possible to achieve has been a result of perseverance and dedication of the entire people of Botswana, who, from time immemorial, have established conventions in the conduct of priviate family and public life. It is always a challenge to strike a balance whenever social adjustments have to be made to accommodate new trends necessitated by economic and political forces. Like you, in the United States, we are continually assimilating new factors as well as accommodating patterns of behaviour of other cultures.

The friendship that we have developed among our peoples and the assistance that your government has given for the past two decades, have contributed to our welfare and well-being. It is my fervent hope that our relations will continue to grow from strength to strength.

 $\mbox{\sc Accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.}$

Q.K.J. Masire
PRSIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

His Excellency Mr. Ronald Reagan
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